

# 20 Teams Entered in State Baseball Tourney Here July 8 to 30

## Keen Interest Is Displayed by Semi-Pro Clubs

Twenty outstanding ball clubs will compete in the state tournament to be held at the city park diamond July 8 to 30 inclusive instead of 16, as had originally been planned by the local committee in charge of this notable sports event.

The number of contenders for the valuable trophy, cash awards and right to represent California in the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress games at Wichita, Kans., was increased because of the insistent demands made upon Dale Riley, state baseball commissioner, and the tournament committee.

"We had set the limit at 16 teams and expected to hold 30 or 31 games in the double elimination playoff," he said yesterday. "However, the committee was confronted with urgent pleas from eight or ten other teams who had delayed filing their \$10 entry fees to allow them to enter the tournament.

**Entries Are Listed**  
"We finally decided to allow four more to enter but we could not take any more than that without changing the announced dates of the tournament. The late entries are: Standard Oil Refinery of El Segundo, Pasadena Merchants, North American Aviation of Inglewood and the Glendora club."

Other teams entered in the tournament are: Bank of America, El Centro, March Field, Fort McArthur, Illinois Cleaners, of San Fernando, San Pedro Jadrans, San Pedro Longshoremen, Los Angeles Carpenters Union, Pepsicola, Dr. Ross Dog Food, Shell Athletic club, U. S. Rubber, Torrance-Lomita Merchants and the winner of the Pismo Beach district tournament that is to be held July 1 to 4.

No season tickets to all games—there will be double headers played Saturdays and Sundays with night games every other night in the week—will be sold. Admissions to the games will be 25 cents with children under 15 free.

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### SPORT SHOTS

By BOB LEWELLEN  
GREG RICE RUNS SMART TWO MILE RUN . . .

Last Saturday, just before the N.C.A.A. races began, we and the privilege of hearing Coach John Nicholson of Notre Dame give his great barrel-chested two-mile runner, Gregory Rice, instructions as to how to run each lap in the coming 8-lap event. We also heard Rice, after the race was over, come to his coach and apologize for missing the time by SIX-TENTHS of a second. The race should have been run in 9:02.

This writer believes that Rice's race was the best exhibition of distance running ever witnessed in the Los Angeles Coliseum—including Nurmi's races a few years ago. Rice hit every lap but one on the nose—without a timelock strapped to his wrist—Nurmi used a stop watch to correct himself.

Here are the lap times the way Coach Nicholson gave them to "Flying" Greg Rice (who stands 5 ft. 4 inches in his stocking feet, and weighs 135 pounds): 8:42 for the first lap (Rice ran 63.3—this was the difference of the 6-10ths of a second. The last seven laps were run on schedule) is 2:10.9 at the half mile; 8:20 at the three-quarters (4:29 for the first mile); 8:40.2 at the mile and quarter; 8:59.2 for mile and half; 7:59.2 at the mile and three-fourths mark and 9:02.6 for the two mile grind. To any way of thinking this is truly a wonderful show of running and timing ability. The lad must have a stop-watch in his head. Coach Nicholson was very pleased with Greg Rice's race, and was broken-hearted that he did not set lap times so that the Notre Dame lad could have broken the two-mile world mark. It was possible . . . and was the greatest long distance race ever witnessed in Los Angeles.

Oh, yes, we nearly forgot to mention the fact that Rice set the pace and led the race in every lap but one.

Rice runs this Saturday in Buffalo, New York, in the mile run.

**LOUIS ZAMPERINI CO-CAPTAIN NEXT YEAR . . .**

Last Saturday afternoon, following the N.C.A.A. meet, held in Los Angeles, California, the National Field champions—the "Mighty Trojans"—held their annual election. Louis Zamperini and Mickey Anderson were chosen to serve in this important position of leading the Trojans to another National title during the 1940 season.

Captain Anderson is considered one of the outstanding sprinters of the nation, and won many points for U.S.C. during the past two years in the century and furlong events . . . while Captain Louis Zamperini holds the I.C.A.A.A., National College and Pacific Coast Conference records in the mile run.

Last Saturday, Louis led his Trojan team to victory in the N.C.A.A. mile run, winning for the second successive year. Wednesday of this week (yesterday) he won his event in the annual Big Ten-Pacific Coast Conference meet, at Berkeley.

**NOTRE DAME TRACK COACH ENJOYS LOCAL FISHING . . .**

Last week-end, after Greg Rice of Notre Dame showed the local citizens how to sprint the 2-mile race (fastest in the world this year—9:02.6—and a new National College record) John P. Nicholson, Notre Dame track and field coach, decided to go fishing with "Sport Shots" . . . so we went down to the sea, rented a boat and sailed away (it was a motor launch) Back of Catalina Island—10 miles from shore—we ran into a large school of barracuda, and the fun began. Yours truly was so sea-sick that he "chummed" the fish, while the rest of the party lured them in. My better half, Lucille, won first prize for catching the most fish, with Coach Nicholson a close second.

After arriving home, and cleaning the "greenhouse" of the Pacific, we prepared 50 pounds of them in a box, made by D. A. (Spud) Murphy, and packed in ice by Otto Batsch, then shipped them by express to Mrs. Nicholson at Notre Dame, Indiana. The rest of the fish went to many lovers of sea food in Torrance. A fine fish, with a really fine fellow and coach.

**TORRANCE TARTARS ELECT 1939 CAPTAINS . . .**

Last week the track and field teams of Torrance elected their respective captains for the past season of 1939. When the votes were counted, Bill Stewart and John Hall received the honors for the track; Les Steiner was the most popular of the Bee team, while "small, but mighty" Gerald McDonald was chosen as Cee Captain. After the election of the mythical office of captains, the track team presented the Coach, Pete Zamperini, with a beautiful pen and pencil set, engraved, Pete "Pop" Zamperini.

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## High School Grid Rules Changed; Speed Game and Protect Players

If you see some high school backfield man receive the ball, streak forward and then stop just short of the scrimmage line and flip a pass to a teammate, don't think he's suddenly gone crazy or is some ringer that once played professional football.



He's only taking advantage of one of the numerous rule changes high schools of the state adopted in joining the national high school football league. It's borrowed directly from the professional game—allowing a pass from any point behind the scrimmage line—others are original innovations. High school coaches agree that some would help protect the immature player. Most agreed the abolition of the five-yard-behind-the-line pass rule would speed up the game.

**Referee Out of Huddle**  
Lourance Janssen, physical education director at Sacramento high school, thinks that adoption of the professional pass rule may eventually force the colleges to do likewise.

The National Collegiate Rules committee is notoriously conservative—and some say given more to protecting the defensive game than offensive tactics—but Janssen reasons that if colleges keep receiving players trained to pass whenever they feel like it, they will have to give that talent a chance.

The authority behind the new rules is Hugh L. Ray, Big Ten football official and technical advisor to the National High School League. Most of the changes are technical, some are for further protection of players, only a few will be noticed by the spectator.

For instance, the man in the stands no longer will see the referee-man huddle, where the twelve sit in on the offensive team's conference to see that a new substitute does not communicate to his teammates. The 1939 rules allow a substitute to talk in the huddle on the first play, a change that will allow the coach to help the young quarterback out of many a tight spot.

**Ross Ball Club Wins at Beach**  
Taking advantage of loose fielding and a 12-hit attack, the Dr. Ross baseball club, one of the entries in the state tournament here July 8 to 30, defeated the Seal Beach Merchants, 19 to 8 at Seal Beach last Sunday.

Three Ross hurlers limited the Merchants to eight blows. Duke Reynolds hit a home run for the



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## Police, Firemen Want Youngsters for Ball Club

Hey, Kids! Want to play some ball for the Torrance police and fire department this summer?

Then, if you are under 14, report to Officer Tom Perkin at the city park diamond Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The police and firemen are sponsoring a team that will compete in the summer league schedule now being arranged by Dale Riley, city recreation director.

## S. A. L. Rifle Club Member of Nat'l Body

The Sons of the Legion Squadron No. 170, Junior Rifle club of Torrance, has been granted a charter by the National Rifle Association, national governing body of the sport of target shooting, according to word received here this week from Washington, D. C. The club has a charter membership of 26.

Officers are Dean Barkdull, 1521 Beech street, president; Marvin A. Lee, 1228 Arlington, secretary; B. F. Peterson, 25004 Eshelman, Lomita, executive officer; and Robert L. Lewellen, 1307 Madrid avenue, is the club instructor.

This club will adhere to the national organization's rules and instructions, which have served to give rifle shooting competition the best safety record of any scholastic sport.

## Kayak II in Turf Class

Kayak II, C. S. Howard's great Argentine-bred, is scheduled to go postward in the \$10,000 Inglewood Mile, feature event on the turf program to be staged at Hollywood Park Saturday afternoon, June 24.

The race will not only mark Kayak II's debut at the Inglewood plant but will also be his first start since the brilliant South American thoroughbred won the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap last winter.

Hollywood Park's meeting, now approaching the half-way point of the 44-day summer program, will probably see a record crowd of turf enthusiasts turn out for the Inglewood mile.

Besides Kayak II, the race has drawn nominations of 13 other high class thoroughbreds, practically all of which are also candidates for the \$50,000 added Hollywood Gold Cup to be run July 22nd.

Ross-men to account for three runs while Gene Sullivan hit a triple with the sacks loaded.

## T-L Merchants Thump Giants

By scoring four times in the first inning and twice more in the third, the Torrance-Lomita Merchants took a lead over the L. A. Colored Giants and effectively backed up the eight-hit pitching of Manager Walt Morris for a 6 to 4 triumph at the city park last Sunday.

The Giants scored three times in the first frame and tried valiantly to overtake the lead with a run in the ninth. It was the third meeting of the teams this season and gives the T-L club a two to one edge.

Conroy, Johnson, Miller and Pallen each tapped out two hits for the winners with McGinnis getting three blows for the Giants. Miller took long distance honors with a home run.

The Torrance-Lomita team, which is entered in the state tournament here July 8 to 30, will play a night game tomorrow (Friday) evening, probably with the U. S. S. Tennessee team and will face the Fox Film team next Sunday.

Montana's Dinosaur Praised GREAT FALLS, Mont. (U.P.)—Montana has bigger and better dinosaurs than any state in the Union, Darwin Harbicht, noted paleontologist of Fort Peck, declared in an address in which he urged establishment of dinosaur parks in the fossil fields of Montana.

## 13-Inning Game Goes to Richfield

An overthrow at first base in the 13th inning, which permitted a runner to score all the way from first, gave the Richfield nine a 4 to 3 extra-inning victory over the Torrance-Lomita Merchants last Friday night. DeHoag attempted to pick a runner off first and the toss was wide. Under ordinary ground rules, such a play would be restricted to one base.

Ferguson and White shared the Richfield pitching job with DeHoag going the route on the mound for the local club.

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